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ONE WAY TO CUT TAXES

The sincerity of the desire of the legislature and the coming state administration to cut taxes will be demonstrated by their action relative to the present law giving bounties for the killing of coyotes.

According to the estimate of the budget committee it will be necessary for Malheur county to tax itself \$9,000 for the payment of bounties next year, at least that amount has been set for this purpose, but it is doubtful whether is sufficient to meet the bill.

What other industry in Malheur county is given a bounty by the state and taxpayers? Think of it! With the pelts of coyotes worth from \$6 to \$12 each, averaging perhaps \$9 apiece, the hunters are given a further bounty to make their business successful by being permitted to dip into the public treasury for \$3 for each male coyote captured and \$4 for each female. No wonder the hunters are prosperous. No wonder the taxpayers are burdened.

One hunter of whom we have been told last year received \$1,000 for the destruction of coyote pups. This year he is said to have received \$700 for pup bounties. It is said by those who know that the female coyote returns to the same den each year to bring her litter into the world. The hunters know this and know where the dens are located. Their business is not a temporary one. They are at it year after year, therefore being desirous of continuing in the business they kill the pups but leave the old females to bring on a new crop for the coming year.

In this they are but following the practice of the stockman who does not market his cows. The records on bounties collected shows this to be true, and since it is the natural thing to be expected it need hardly be stated; it is self evident.

The wonder is that the public has so long stood idly by and permitted this condition to continue. The reason for it may be found in a natural desire of the sheep and cattle men for protection for their herds. So long as no other plan was available to them their attitude was the natural one. Now, however, since the efficiency of the government hunter system has been demonstrated there should be no hesitancy on their part to advocate a change. In Idaho they have seen

the light and such eminent stockmen as Hugh Sproat, after long combating the hunter system has now become one of its most pronounced advocates.

Jay Dobbin of Enterprise, one of the leading stockmen of Oregon is said to have been instrumental in securing the opposition to a proposal to abandon the bounty system in the 1919 session of the legislature. If Mr. Dobbin and his friends were taxpayers in Malheur county we believe they would see the need for some change in the system. Oregon now owes Malheur county \$4264 for its share of bounties already paid this year, or rather since May when the state fund was depleted. Malheur county will pay out about \$4000 per month from now until spring, and a serious inroad on the general fund will thus result. One of the best means that we know of to save money for the taxpayers of this county and of the state is the abolition of the extravagant bounty system. It is inefficient, the number of coyotes living today proves it to be so. Why continue longer to enrich a few hunters at the expense of the taxpayers?

A NEW ALIGNMENT OR A THIRD PARTY

Political sentiment is in a state of flux. Just now there is a popular belief that by the time the next national campaign is waged a new party will be in the predominant position and may win the presidency.

On the other hand it is apparent that both the old parties have changed materially. There is not the harmony among various shades of opinion within their ranks to insure the accomplishment of constructive party platforms.

The reason for this condition is the lack of a definite division between them. The tariff which long served as the dividing line has been almost erased and new issues have not been presented on which a clear cut division can be made.

The nearest approach to a line of demarcation in recent years was that on foreign policy in relation to the league of nations; yet even here there was not a unanimity of opinion in either party, for there were pro-league republicans, and anti-league democrats. Questions of our external relations, apparently do not serve as to rally popular support at this time.

Right now the issues which occupy the popular mind are economic. The people want something which promises relief from the present financial stringency. They are in a mood to accept radical doctrines, whatever they may be so long as the proponents label them as economic panaceas.

The conservative in neither of the old parties can adjust their mental attitudes to these doctrines, their knowledge of history and their

reason rebel at some of the nostrums being promulgated, since the ties of party have been loosened they do not feel constrained to "vote her straight" any longer. These men actually have no party.

Yet, their influence in both parties is still manifest and neither has, as yet, swung to the extreme demanded by the more radical of the leaders who desire to cure all our political ills by legislation, so the radicals are without a party too.

In this situation it is apparent that a new alignment is pending in American political life. Whether it will come in the next two years or not, time alone will tell. But it is evident, no matter how the parties of the future are designated that the division will be made on the natural lines of temperament, conservative versus radical, liberal, or progressive, the name will mean nothing in particular save as it describes the opposition to the conservative element in political life.

Of course there will also be shades of differences between large groups so labeled. There will be some who will be ultra-conservative, some mildly so. There will be some who will be conservatively radical, and others extremely radical.

As the less positively inclined of the two parties swing from one view to another the power of government will swing back and forth.

It is possible that representative men of either of these schools of thought may so take a commanding position in the affairs of the republican and democratic parties that they will themselves serve as the mediums for the expression of these economic views. With the narrow majority of the representatives to manifest the trend of their estimate of popular opinion, and the debates there will demonstrate the desire or ability of the present parties to accept the new basis for action.

WINIFRED M. HUCK



Mrs. Winifred M. Huck, elected congressman-at-large from Illinois to fill vacancy caused by death of her father W. E. Mason, was the only woman elected to congress in the recent elections.

PRIMARY ADVOCATES CONTROL LEGISLATURE

Boise, Idaho.—The advocates of the statewide primary law have control of Idaho's new legislature, if the pledges of members-elect to the house and senate are kept, and republicans dominate that body. The greatest gain in members over the records of previous years were made by the progressives, who elected five members to the senate and seven members to the house. Progressives and democrats, of whom there are 17 in the senate, are all pledged to the enactment of a primary law and a sufficient number of republicans are pledged to the enactment of such a law to give the primary advocates a clear majority in both houses. The Idaho state republican primary league claims the primary advocates control both the house and the senate.

MAIL FRAUDS ENORMOUS

500 Cases Now Being Investigated by Authorities.

Washington, D. C.—Approximately 500 cases involving fraudulent use of the mails are in the hands of United States attorneys for investigation to determine whether criminal proceedings should be instituted, it was announced at the department of justice.

Officials estimated that the cases already under consideration represented a loss to the American public through postal swindles of more than \$140,000,000.

MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED NOV. 4 TO NOV. 11

Malheur Land Co. to Chas. S. Harris, lots 102 and 103, Jamieson Acreage Tracts. 10/30/22. \$1.00.

F. L. Featherstone et ux to D. E. Dimock, 46 acres in SE 1/4 Sec. 22-18-45. 9/7/22. \$1.00.

U. S. A. to Don E. Platt, lots 3 and 4, S 1/2 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 Sec. 4-17-37. 10/19/22.

Nevada Ditch Co. to Warm Springs Irrig. District, ditch dam, etc. 11/1/22. \$1.00.

M. L. Goodwin et ux to A. B. Rouse, 6.45 acres in SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 14-15-42. 9/30/22. \$10.00.

Albert Emery et ux to W. D. McLeod et al NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 36-27-46. 10/14/19. \$1500.

S. M. Carithers et ux to James Hollingshead, S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 6-16-47 10/30/22. \$1.00.

John O. Vines et ux to Clarence E. Vines, E 1/4 SE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 14-19-43. 11/8/22. \$500.

C. L. Cooy et ux to W. G. Vogts, S 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 31-19-47. 10-18-22. \$2750.

Viola V. Beier to Mrs. A. L. Hunter, lot 3, block G and W 1/2 lot 2, block F. of Barton's Tract; 22 acres in Sec. 4-18-47; also blocks 290 and 310, Ontario. 10/25/22. \$1.00.

E. B. York et ux to Geo. C. Handricks, 138.5 ft. by 45.4 ft. in Greens Add. to Nyssa. 6/23/22. \$375.

Dora B. Mirgon to Conova O. McGonagill, lots 4 and 5, block 79 Ontario. 10/23/22. \$800.

E. A. Mitchell et als to O. L. Foster, 160 acres, metes and bounds in Sec. 2-17-46. 10/4/22. \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
Corey E. Harris and Isa Dollion. 11/6/22.

COMPLAINTS FILED
Chas. Horn vs. R. E. Weant et ux. 11/6/22. Foreclosure of mortgage. \$3,578.31.

John A. Oliver vs. Orien D. Mason. 11/8/22. Foreclosure of mortgage. \$2,094.47.

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